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## *Intro to Ladder Stitch*



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## What You'll Need

John Bead Czech Seed Bead, Size 3 Bugle, White, SKU 10627336

John Bead Czech Seed Beads, Size 8/o, White, SKU 10549096

John Bead Czech Seed Beads, Size 8/o, Purple , SKU 10549090

John Bead Czech Seed Beads, Size 8/o, Amethyst, SKU 10549075

John Bead Czech Seed Beads, Size 8/o, Light Blue, SKU 10549086

John Bead Czech Seed Beads, Size 8/o, Aqua, SKU 10549082

John Bead Czech Seed Beads, Size 8/o Silver , SKU 10416635

John Bead Czech Seed Beads, Size 8/o, Yellow, SKU 10549097

John Bead Czech Seed Beads, Size 8/o, Gold Silver Lined, SKU  
10549094

Wildfire Beading Thread, .006 White, SKU 10104818

Size #10 Beading Needle, SKU 10332394

Toggle Clasps, SKU 10103710

Beading Mat, SKU 10348546

Beginner Beadweaving  
1 Hour Class

Back-to-School September 2022! This month we are taking it back-to-basics in bead weaving designs! In this class we are introducing a beginner project that will reinforce ladder stitching skills!

### Abbreviations

S8 - Size 8/0 Seed Bead, Any Color

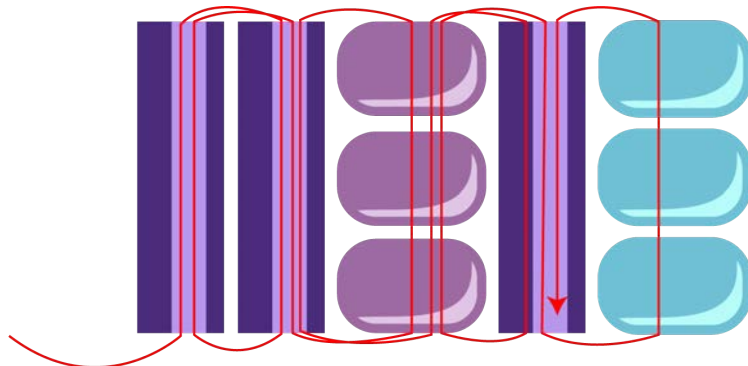
B3 - Size 3 Czech Bugle

### Step 1

To begin, cut about 90 inches of beading thread. Flatten one end with a pair of pliers to help thread your beading needle. Pull down about 30 inches of it and fold over the needle to make this long strand easier to work with.

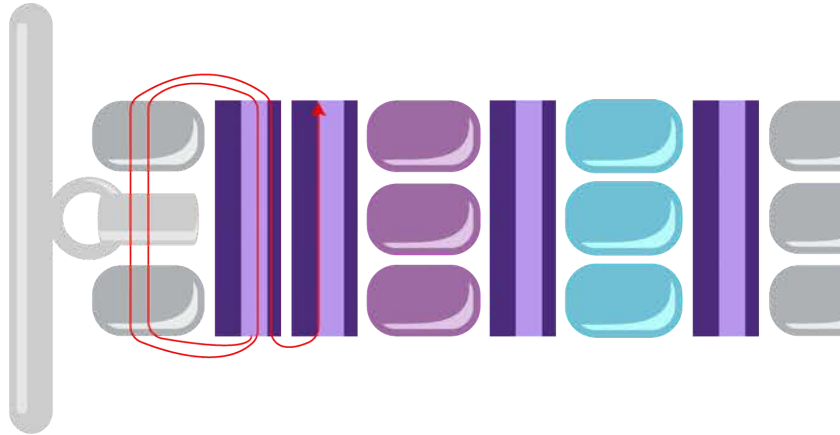
Leaving a 12" tail, string (2)B3. Go back through the first B3, then continue through the second B3. The B3 will sit side-by-side, parallel. String (3)S8. Go back through the last B3, then continue back through the (3)S8. The (3)S8 will stack next to the B3.

Repeat this step, alternating (1)B3 with stacks of (3)S8. To determine desired length, if using the same toggles in the materials list above, assume 3/4 of an inch in length will be added by the clasp. Measure the length as you go. There is some variation possible with tension. End with (2)B3.



### Step 2

Add each side of the toggle clasp. Ending with the last B3, string (1)S8, the toggle, and (1)S8. Go back through the B3. Loop through twice more to reinforce. Begin weaving back through all the beads to weave in remaining thread.



### Step 3

Repeat Step 2 using the tail thread left in Step 1 to attach the other side of the toggle. Weaving in is a process of making turns through the beads. It is also an opportunity to reinforce loose places in the stitched work. In the sample designs, the working and tail threads were woven to meet in the middle, after securing the clasp on each side.



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